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| In re Patent Application of: Ingela PETERSSON et al. | |
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LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

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| 11/035,534 | January 14, 2005 | 1763 |
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The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

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| copies | of the portion(s) of the application(s) which caused it(them) to be cited, including any |
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